

It Happened This Week

**New Treasurer Named
Radio Trust Busted
Auto Deaths
New Voting Record
More Economy Cuts**

NEW STATE TREASURER

John P. Stedman last week resigned his post as state treasurer to become manager of the Raleigh regional agricultural credit bank. Charles M. Johnson, director of the local government commission, was at once named treasurer by Governor Gardner. He will serve the entire four-year term to which Stedman was elected on November 8. W. E. Easterling, who has been assistant to Johnson, was temporarily named to succeed him on the local government commission.

BREAK UP RADIO TRUST

Intercorporate agreements and cross-licensing of radio patents between the General Electric company, the Westinghouse company, and the Radio Corporation of America, were forbidden in a decree of the U. S. Court of Delaware, Monday. The combination was termed restraint of competition in the radio industry.

AUTOS KILLED 67

Automobile accidents killed 67 and wounded 455 in North Carolina in October, the motor vehicle bureau reports. Of the 67 killed, 32 were pedestrians, eight were children playing in streets, 7 were hit and run victims.

RECORD VOTE IN N. C.

A record vote of over 712,000 ballots was cast in North Carolina on November 8 with Franklin D. Roosevelt, president-elect, leading the Democratic ticket with a 298,072 margin over Hoover, state ticket majorities ranging down to the low of 261,768 for Reynolds over Newell for the long senate term.

PLAN \$550,000,000 SLASH

President Hoover's cabinet is agreed on a \$550,000,000 slash in the federal budget for the next fiscal year, it was announced Saturday. It is estimated that a deficit is accumulating at a rate of \$5,000 per minute.

IDAHO WINS GRANGE MEET

The National Grange, in session at Winston-Salem, on Monday selected Idaho as state of next meeting. Over 2,100 members were initiated in the seventh degree, Saturday. Memorial services were held Sunday. National Master T. J. Taber, Governor Max Gardner, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, and Clarence Poe were among the speakers.

DEDICATE MEMORIAL

Under the buffeting of a heavy rain and wind, a large crowd assembled at Kitty Hawk on Saturday for the dedication of the great granite pylon erected to mark the site of the first airplane flight of Orville and Wilbur Wright. Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley made the speech of acceptance, Ruth Nichols, woman flier, unveiled the pylon. Present was Orville Wright.

HONOR GERMAN PRISONERS

A granite memorial honoring 18 German sailors who died at Asheville as prisoners of war in 1918, was dedicated at Asheville Sunday, by the American Legion post. German Ambassador F. W. Von Pritzwitz was the speaker.

TWO KILLED IN CAR CRASHES

Helen Schenks, 19, was killed and two men badly hurt in an automobile collision at Canton, early Sunday. On Saturday afternoon Felix B. Logan, 66, Chimney Rock, was instantly killed when his car skidded and crashed into a telephone pole on highway 20.

PATROLMAN IS RUN DOWN

After a 10-mile chase a negro rum runner was halted at Taylorsville, Sunday by Patrolman Carlyle Ingle. Ingle halted his motorcycle in front of the car. The negro drove his liquor-laden machine full tilt into the motorcycle and dragged it 100 feet, leaving the patrolman badly hurt. The negro escaped into the woods and was at once sought by a large posse.

SENATOR JONES DIES

Wesley L. Jones, 69, senator from Washington and Republican chairman of appropriations, died at Seattle, Saturday. He was defeated on November 8 for reelection.

JAPAN ANSWERS REPORT

Japan on Monday filed with the League of Nations her answer to the Lytton report on Manchuria in which she maintained her plea of self-defense and denied violations of treaty rights. She denied she is the power behind the newly formed Manchurian republic.

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CIVIL DOCKET HAS 57 CASES

**November Court Term
Opens With Judge
Sink Presiding**

FEW CRIMINAL CASES Courthouse, County Home And Jail Found in 'Apple Pie' Order

The criminal docket disposed of in rapid fire order, Macon county superior court, which convened Monday for a two weeks mixed session, began the trial Wednesday morning of civil cases, of which there were 57 listed on the calendar.

There were no outstanding cases on the criminal docket and this was disposed of early Tuesday afternoon in time for Judge H. Hoyle Sink to go gunning after Macon county birds.

Grand Jury Report

The grand jury, with F. S. Moore as foreman, found little fault with anything or anybody and filed the most agreeable report submitted in many a court session.

"We find no minors without general or testamentary guardians," the report stated, "but we find a large per cent of guardians that haven't made their proper report."

"We have examined the county home and find it in as fair condition as the equipment will allow. The inmates say they are well cared for."

"We have examined the offices in the courthouse and find same in good condition."

"We find the toilets in the courthouse in fair condition and have visited the jail and find it in good condition."

Courthouse Clean

When Judge Sink was presiding over the last term of court here he took occasion to complain about the lack of cleanliness in the courthouse, declaring that the courtroom itself smelled like a cuspidor. A short time later the county commissioners employed Ferdie Higdon as janitor. Ferdie takes his job as seriously as any judge and when Judge Sink arrived to hold the first week of the November term the courthouse was spic and span. The walls and floors had been scrubbed, the stoves polished and shiny, new cuspidors adorned the aisles.

Judge Sink is scheduled to hold court in Haywood county next week and Judge Frank Hill, of Murphy, recently appointed to fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge Cameron Mac Rae, is to come here for the second week.

On Tuesday Judge Sink sentenced Dewey Dixon, convicted of assault with a deadly weapon, to six months on the roads.

The criminal case attracting the most interest was that of Willard Dean and Boyd McGaha, charged with affray. Dean pleaded guilty to simple assault and was given a suspended sentence of 30 days. McGaha let his case go to the jury. He was found guilty and sentenced to 12 months on the roads, the sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs and during good behavior.

Col. Robins in Franklin Few Days before Discovery

Colonel Raymond Robins, nationally known dry leader who spent more than two months at Whittier, where he was known as "Reynolds Rogers," a mining engineer, visited Franklin last Tuesday, just a few days before his real identity was established.

Colonel Robins, who was said to be suffering from amnesia (loss of memory), was positively identified last Friday by a nephew, John C. Dreier, of New York, who went to Whittier to investigate reports that a stranger there who called himself "Reynolds Rogers" looked like Colonel Robins. It was a letter from a 13-year-old boy, Carl Byrd Fisher, to friends of Col. Robins, that put authorities on the right track in their search for the missing dry leader, who disappeared on Sept. 3 while he was on his way to fill a luncheon appointment with President Hoover at the White House.

In an automobile driven by Dan DeHart, Bryson City taxi driver, and accompanied by two other men, "Reynolds Rogers" came through Franklin last Tuesday morning on his way to Georgia, where he wanted to prospect for minerals. About 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon the group came back to Franklin and stopped at Clouse's restaurant on the square for lunch. There Col. Robins inspected some mineral specimens shown him by J. P. Clouse, proprietor of the restaurant, and manifested particular interest in some asbestos mined on Charlie Mincey's place on Ellijay. After lunch he visited the old mine on Mr. Mincey's farm.

Col. Robins was dressed in blue overalls, a yellow cap and had a long beard. He carried a small prospector's hammer tied to his leg.

Colonel Robins is now in an Asheville hospital, where he is reported to be slowly regaining his memory.

Railroad Likely To Remain In Operation if Shippers Cooperate, Says Brewer

If shippers and freight consignees in Franklin and other towns served by the Tallulah Falls Railway carry out their contracts to use the railroad as far as possible in preference to motor carriers, there is little likelihood of the Interstate Commerce Commission giving its approval to abandonment of the line, according to H. L. Brewer, assistant to the receiver of the "T. F."

This opinion was expressed by Mr. Brewer at a meeting in the courthouse here Tuesday night of persons interested in the continued operation of the railroad.

On the other hand, Mr. Brewer stated, there is little hope for the line's existence if the communities served by it fail to give their fullest cooperation.

The meeting was called by Jack Stribling, member of the local railroad continuation committee, following rumors and reports that certain individuals and business concerns were violating their contracts to use the railroad. Signatures to these contracts obtained during the summer, shortly after J. F. Gray, receiver of the Tallulah Falls Railway company, filed application in federal court at Gainesville for right to begin abandonment proceedings before the Interstate Commerce Commission. Mr. Brewer expressed the opinion that, inasmuch as a 60-day extension of time for a hearing on this petition had expired, it would be necessary for Mr. Gray to request another hearing before any further action looking toward discontinuance could be taken. He and other speakers expressed the hope, however, that this would not be necessary.

The railroad reduced its operating losses this year \$23,000 as compared to the losses for the same period of last year, Mr. Brewer stated. He estimated that cooperation of shippers in using the "T. F." in preference to trucks would amount to an increase in business for the railroad of about \$20,000 this year.

R. M. Spalding, assistant superintendent of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company in this district, informed the meeting that the A & P is willing to give its full cooperation in the movement to save the railroad and will abide by its contract to use it as far as possible if others who signed the contracts manifest a like attitude.

Other speakers at the meeting included F. M. Reeves, cashier of the First National Bank of Columbia, Ga., S. M. Ledford, superintendent of schools in Rabun county, Ga., and Dr. Dover, of Clayton. All stressed the importance of the railroad to this section of the country.

League Meeting County Baseball Group To Elect Officers

A meeting of the Macon county baseball league has been called by John W. Edwards, secretary, for 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the courthouse.

The purpose of the meeting, Mr. Edwards stated, is to elect officers for the ensuing year, to revise the rules and lay plans for next season.

Poultry Sale Nets Macon Farmers \$278.17

Macon county poultry growers received \$278.17 for 2926 pounds of poultry at the cooperative sales held in Franklin and Otto last week under the supervision of F. S. Sloan, county farm demonstration agent. Sales consisted mostly of heavy broilers, hens and roosters.

FRENCH PREMIER ESCAPES

Two dynamite explosions tore up the railroad tracks near Nantes, France, on Sunday, a few minutes before the special train of Premier Herriot was due to pass. Track guards heard the blasts and stopped the special. Seven suspects were arrested.

HITLER OFFERED POST

Frank Von Papen, in face of united Reichstag opposition, resigned as chancellor of the German government last week. On Monday President Hindenburg offered the state's leadership to Adolf Hitler, chief of the Fascists, but Hitler is loath to accept.

MANY OFFER LIBBY JOBS

Libby Holman Reynolds, former Broadway blues singer freed last week at Winston-Salem of the murder of her husband, Smith Reynolds, has already been offered a number of rich contracts for return to the stage after the birth of her expected child.

2 WIN FILM AWARDS

Helen Hayes, for her work in "The Sin of Madelon Claudet" and Frederic March, for his part in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," have been voted by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as the best actors of 1932.

BREAKS HUSBAND'S RECORD

In a 4-day and 6-hour flight from London to Capetown, Amy Johnson, English flier, last week broke by 10 hours the previous record held by her husband, James A. Mollison.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Greer, of Hayston, Ga., arrived here this week for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Eugene R. Eller, and Mr. Eller.

BIRD HUNTING SEASON OPENS

**All Sorts of Game Reported
More Plentiful Than
In Years**

TURKEYS INCREASE Licenses Required of All Hunters, Warns Maldroop

With game more plentiful than in many years, hunting got into full swing this week with the season opening on quail, wild turkey, ruffed grouse, doves and rabbits. The season already had opened on duck and geese and squirrels. The season in this county is closed on deer and pheasants.

Both game wardens and hunters have reported seeing more birds than in a long, long time, and once again the county really has enough turkeys to shoot at.

Deer Increasing

The closed season which has been in effect on deer for several years is now bearing fruit. Jess Slagle, warden in charge of the Wayah Game Refuge, reported the other day that there are at least 75 deer now on and in the vicinity of the refuge, which was stocked several years ago with 23 head.

Fred Littleton reported seeing a deer within 50 yards of the home of Mrs. T. J. McGuire on Nica-jack. He ventured the opinion that this was the first time a deer had been seen in the lower Cullasaja country in a century. Evidently, the deer are spreading from the Wayah refuge to other sections of the county. In a few years, many hunters believe, there will be fine deer hunting in this section.

Issues Warning

C. A. Waldroop, county game warden, issued a warning Tuesday that hunting licenses are required for all kinds of hunting, regardless of whether guns and dogs are used. All persons participating in fox hunts, even though they are unarmed and do not own any of the dogs, should have licenses, he explained. Three negroes, Ned Shavers, Bob Ledford and Canario Stewart were convicted of fox hunting without licenses at a hearing before Magistrate Sam Murray last week.

A resident county license costs \$1.25; resident state license, \$3.25; non-resident license, \$15.25. Licenses also are required for trapping, but the season for all trapping is closed in this county. All persons over 16 are required to have licenses of their own and boys under 16 must carry their parent's license.

Season Dates

Following is a schedule of the opening and closing dates on various types of game in this county: Quail—Nov. 20 to Feb. 15. Bag limit, 10 in one day.

Rabbits—Nov. 20 to Feb. 15. No limit.

Squirrels—Sept. 1 to Dec. 31. Bag limit, 10 in one day.

Wild turkeys—Nov. 20 to Feb. 15. Bag limit, two in one day, five in one season.

Ruffed grouse—Nov. 21 to Nov. 30.

Doves—Sept. 1 to Sept. 30 and Nov. 20 to Jan. 31. Bag limit, 25 in one day.

DR. WALL HEADS BAPTISTS

The State Baptist convention ended its sessions last week at Charlotte with election of Dr. Zeno Wall, Shelby, as president. M. A. Huggins, Raleigh, was elected general secretary and treasurer of the convention.

U. D. C. REELECTS PRESIDENT

Mrs. William E. R. Byrne, Charleston, W. Va., was last week at Memphis returned as president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. T. W. Faison, Charlotte, was made an honorary president of the U. D. C. for "devotion to its ideals."

Santa To Visit Franklin Next Tuesday Afternoon

Santa Claus is coming to Franklin next Tuesday afternoon and all the primary schools of the county will dismiss classes early so the children may come to town and get a glimpse of the jolly old fellow.

King Kris, who arrived in Asheville from his home at the North Pole last Friday, sent word to The Press that he planned to leave Asheville Monday and, after stopping at other towns, to reach Franklin at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. He plans to stay here an hour and a half and then proceed to Highlands, where he is to spend the night.

Santa, clad in scarlet coat and trousers, will ride into town on a specially constructed float more than 20 feet long. Of course, everybody knows old Santa would not dare bring his reindeer team down to North Carolina now, because reindeer like cold weather, real cold weather, and cannot stand the

Federal Officials Approve Highway Projects in Macon

**Contractors Expected To
Start Work Within
Few Days**

TO USE LOCAL STONE Byrne Announces Plans To Employ More Men on Forest Jobs

Federal authorities have approved contracts on two road projects to be undertaken in Macon county with appropriations from the Emergency Relief Fund, according to W. A. MacNeil, resident engineer for the state highway commission, and work on the projects is expected to begin within a few days.

Mr. MacNeil, who previously has been stationed in Franklin but who for several months has been connected with the highway commission's office in Asheville, returned to Franklin this week to supervise the road work.

Cobb and Homewood, of Chapel Hill, have the contract for surfacing highway No. 28 from the foot of Palmer street, through town to the foot of the mountain, a distance of 10.37 miles. C. Y. Thomason, of Greenwood, S. C., has the contract for surfacing No. 28 from the foot of the mountain to Rainbow Springs, and also two projects on No. 28 in Clay county. Hobbs and Peabody, of Charlotte, have the contract for structures on No. 28.

Contractors Arriving

Some of the contractors, or their representatives, already have arrived in Franklin and others are expected in a day or so.

Collier Cobb, Jr., of the firm of Cobb and Homewood, here for a few days last week, said his company planned to use local stone. That will mean the operation of a crusher and more jobs for local men.

All applicants for jobs with the road contractors are advised to list their names with Miss Rachel Davis, county welfare superintendent. Under terms of the contracts, the contractors are required to use local labor as far as possible, paying a minimum wage of 20 cents for common labor and 30 cents for skilled labor. Several hundred men are expected to be employed on these projects.

Double Forest Shifts

An increase in employment is also expected to result from an announcement this week by John Byrne, supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest, that work on road and trail projects in the forest must be speeded up in order to dispose of an appropriation of \$54,000 before next June 1, when the appropriation is to expire.

Two shifts of 125 men were employed on this work during October. Now Mr. Byrne plans to double the number.

Recently one of the forest road crews, the one under Will Wright, was moved to the Wayah Bald road, which is being extensively improved. About \$6,000 is to be spent on this road, widening sharp curves and surfacing certain sections.

A crew of 10 or 15 men has been put to work on the two-mile stretch of road from Wallace Gap to White Oak Bottom. This job is expected to take a month to complete.

Hen Egg Weighing Four Ounces Exhibited

A whooper of an egg—twice the size of the normal egg, was exhibited in Franklin Tuesday by Mrs. Lone Shope of Dillard, Route 1. It weighed four ounces and was laid by a barred Plymouth rock. When held before a light it appeared to have two yolks. The average egg weighs two ounces.

SEVEN PRISONERS PAROLED

Paroles were given seven state prisoners by Governor Max Gardner Monday.

RUTHERFORD FEUD DEATH

Ancient enmity flared on a road near Rutherfordton, Sunday, and Grady Harris, 35, was shot eight times and killed by Lloyd Cooper. Cooper surrendered at once.

Waldroop Kills Goose Banded by Jack Miner

**A wild goose, its leg girdled
with a band bearing the name
of Jack Miner, of Kingsville,
Ont., was shot by C. A. Waldroop,
county game warden, on
Cartoogechaye creek Monday...**

Miner, known among sports men the country over as "the bird man," maintains a game refuge at his home in Canada. A number of his articles concerning birds have appeared in the Atlantic Sportsman, a magazine published at Winston-Salem.

The wild goose weighed six and a half pounds. The leg band, made of aluminum, besides bearing Miner's name and address, also carried a scriptural quotation, "He careth for you—1st Pet. 5:7."

Missionary Society Elects Officers

The November meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church was held with Mrs. Jim Palmer with a large attendance. As this was the time for election of officers the following were elected for 1933.

President, Mrs. Hattie Jones; vice-president, Mrs. Lon Campbell; recording secretary, Mrs. Tessier; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Zachary; treasurer, Mrs. Beshears; local treasurer, Mrs. Jesse Sloan; superintendent social service, Mrs. F. L. Siler, superintendent mission study, Mrs. Ader, superintendent children's work, Mrs. Gordon Moore; superintendent supplies, Mrs. Jim Palmer; agent for world outlook, Mrs. Zeb Conley.

The report for the year from the local treasurer showed more than a hundred and fifty dollars spent on the parsonage and less than a hundred paid to foreign and home missions.

Macon County Club Organized at Cullowhee

The Macon county students of Western Carolina Teachers' college met and organized a Macon County club. The following officers were elected:

President, Ottis Freeman; vice president, Helen Patton; secretary-treasurer, Mary Jacobs.

The club has quite a few members and is well recognized on the campus.

Rev. G. N. Dulin Expected To Arrive in Few Days

The Rev. G. M. Dulin, appointed last week to succeed the Rev. H. C. Freeman as pastor of the Franklin circuit of the Methodist church, is expected to arrive here within a day or so from his former charge at Canton. According to a card received by The Press from Mr. Dulin, he plans to fill regular appointments next Sunday in keeping with the schedule used by Mr. Freeman, who has gone to Clyde to assume his new pastorate.

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warm, balmy weather likely to occur in this section for the next week or so.

Throughout his stay in Franklin and Highlands Santa will distribute Christmas toys to the children.

Last year Santa attracted to Franklin the largest crowd of children ever gathered here. It was estimated that there were at least 2,000 youngsters. According to all indications, there will be even a larger crowd this year if the weather is good.

J. C. Hardin, Raleigh insurance man, was arrested Monday for embezzling \$45 from a Baptist preacher for insurance premiums. The state insurance department is investigating Hardin's record for two years and states many others may have been defrauded.

After 23 years in the presidency of Harvard university, A. Lawrence Lowell resigned his high post on Monday.